



# Friday Focus

## Greenup County Schools

### Class Building Is Key

Picture the perfect classroom. It is a place where students feel safe, comfortable, and like to be and learn. Class building activities can create this dream classroom. Class building provides mutual support among all of the students in a class and creates a positive context for learning. It is important that students see themselves as part of a large, supportive group—your classroom. (Remember the “P” in PIES!) Class building activities can make this happen. These activities provide the students with a sense of empowerment as well as ownership of “their class.”

There are five outcomes from which we want students to benefit:

1. Getting Acquainted.  
When students feel they

are known by others, we meet their basic need to feel important, to be liked, and to belong. Students less often feel the weight of social isolation and are less likely to withdraw, drop out, or last out.

2. Class Identity.  
Students need to feel that their



class is unique and that they play an important role in the class. We want students to feel proud of their class. You can do this with class names, logos, songs, or chants.

3. Mutual Support.  
Through mutual support, students come to feel they

belong and can depend on their classmates. The class becomes a community of supportive learners.

4. Valuing Differences.  
Students need to feel that they are valued and appreciated for their uniqueness.

5. Developing Synergy. All of us interacting produce and learn far more than the sum of what we all can produce and learn working alone.

Quiz-Quiz-Trade is an excellent class building structure; Find Someone Who is another. During this structure, students use a partner to answer a question on a worksheet. After checking and initialing each others answer, the partners move on to find another partner and repeat the process.

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Upcoming Academy Dates:  
10-27 ELA MS/HS w/  
Angela @ WMS  
10-28 2-3 ELA @ C O  
10-29 4-5 ELA @ C O  
11-2 Required PD @ GCHS  
11-10 Techspert Yr. 1 @ C O

#### Extended Thought

What is Kagan?

Class building Ideas

KAGAN Teams PPT Ideas

### Closing the GAP Tip of the Week

*Help students understand their strengths and weaknesses. Students need their strengths celebrated and should be encouraged to use their talents to enhance or balance a weakness. Everyone remembers that teacher that took an interest in them and how it guided their life pathway. Remember your important role is to find the best in every student and bring it to life. Finding the positives will bring positive results in every other area such as attendance, grades, achievement, and success after graduation.*

Thank You!

Greenup County Administrators send our sincere thanks to teachers for making Read Across the Globe Day a success! GC Social Media was filled with pictures of books in students' hands. It was a Gold Standard Day in Greenup!